



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

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For: DATA USAGE CONTROLLING
APPARATUS THAT PREVENTS THE
UNAUTHORIZED USE OF MAIN
DATA BY UPDATING A TYPE 1
AND A TYPE 2 KEY USED FOR
PROTECTING THE MAIN DATA IN
ACCORDANCE WITH USAGE OF
THE MAIN DATA

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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